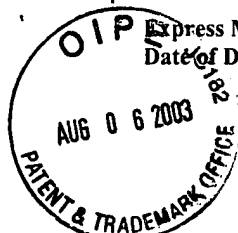


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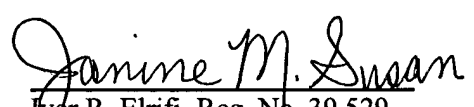
Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Response to Notice of Allowability dated July 22, 2003 (1 page);
2. New Combined Declaration And Power of Attorney For Patent Application (3 pages); and
3. Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 24299-506). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

As requested in the Notice of Allowability, mailed July 22, 2003, Applicants hereby submit a new executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced application. This new Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney indicates that the above-referenced application claims priority to GB9621129.7 and has been executed by all of the inventors.

This submission is due on or before October 22, 2003. Applicants believe that no fees are due with this submission, however please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24299-506.

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